



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES 4-16-07

Draft minutes of the Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on **Monday, April 16, 2007.**

Members Present:

X	Nancy Gardner, Council Member	X	Sandra Haskell
X	Michael Henn, Council Member	X	Barry Allen
	Bruce Asper - <i>excused</i>	X	Kristine Adams
X	Dolores Otting, Vice Chair		Marianne Zippi - <i>excused</i>
	Kimberly Jameson	X	Arlene Greer
X	Matt Wiley		Jack Wu - <i>excused</i>
			Jennifer Winn - <i>excused</i>
		X	Ray Halowski
	Brent Cooper - <i>excused</i>		Barbara Thibault - <i>excused</i>
X	Laura Dietz	X	Merritt Van Sant
X	Kenneth Drellishak, Chair		Robert Rush - <i>excused</i>
X	Laura Curran		John Moftakhar
X	Michael Smith		

Staff Representatives:

Guests Present:

X	Assistant City Manager Sharon Wood	Richard and Karen Julian
		Phillip Bettencourt
		Tim Stokes

Chairperson Ken Drellishak called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. Minutes of March 19, 2007

Ray Halowski moved to approve the minutes as written. Sandra Haskell seconded the motion.

Kristine Adams and Arlene Greer were added to the Hyatt subcommittee, and Sandra Haskell was moved from the Hyatt subcommittee to the Hoag Hospital subcommittee.

Motion passed unanimously

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2. Appointment of Subcommittee to Review Draft Mitigated Declaration for Aerie Condominium Project, 201-205 & 207 Carnation Avenue and 101 Bayside Place

Members were appointed to the Subcommittee with assignments as follows:

Aesthetics	Sandra Haskell
	Dolores Otting
	Arlene Greer
Agriculture and Air Quality	Laura Dietz
Geology and Soils	Matt Wiley
Hazards and Biological Resources	Ray Halowski
Hydrology and Water Quality	Merritt Van Sant
Land use and Planning	Laura Curran
	Brent Cooper
Noise, Population/Housing and	Barbara Thibault
Public Services	John Moftakhar
Traffic and Utilities	Barry Allen

To have comments ready for the next Planning Commission hearing scheduled for May 17, the Committee changed the May meeting date to May 7.

3. Discussion of Duties and Responsibilities of EQAC

After discussion, the Committee recommended no changes to the City Council Resolution establishing EQAC. Council Member Gardner suggested that EQAC should increase liaison with other committees, and the Committee requested a new standing agenda item for a report from the Coastal/Bay Water Quality Committee. Council Member Henn suggested that the City Manager communicate to EQAC that they should review the negative declaration for any project that the Committee believes is significant. Laura Dietz moved that the Chairperson be responsible for regular review of the Planning Department Case Log to determine which negative declarations should be reviewed by EQAC. Laura Curran seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously

4. Economic Development Committee Report

Chairperson Drellishak reported on a discussion of parking at the March meeting, and that EDC had recommended that the City Council include funding in the 2007-08 budget for a consultant to study and make recommendations for specific areas of the City.

5. Report from Membership Subcommittee

Sharon Wood reported that she had advised Council Member Webb of the vacancy from District 3.

6. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Sharon Wood reported that there were no changes in EIR schedules from the information presented in March. She also advised the Committee that the City Council had approved a contract with consultants to rewrite the Zoning Code, as part of implementing the new General Plan.

7. Public Comments

None

8. Future Agenda Items

Ray Halowski requested that EQAC explore the "Zero Waste" program and attend a conference being held on the subject on June 7.

9. Adjournment—

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m. to Monday, May 7, 2007.